

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
SHREVEPORT DIVISION**

KELLEY MILLER,)	Case No.
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Plaintiff,)	PLAINTIFF’S COMPLAINT FOR
)	DAMAGES
v.)	(Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)
CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.,)	
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Defendant.)	
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COMPLAINT

KELLEY MILLER (“Plaintiff”), by her attorneys, alleges the following against CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. (“Defendant”):

1. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself individually seeking damages and any other available legal or equitable remedies resulting from the illegal actions of Defendant, in negligently, knowingly, and/or willfully contacting Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (hereinafter "TCPA"), *47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.*

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Defendant conducts business in the state of Louisiana, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(2).
3. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3). See, *Mims v. Arrow Financial Services, LLC*, 132 S.Ct. 740 (2012), holding that federal and state courts have concurrent jurisdiction over private suits arising under the TCPA.

- 1 4. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
2 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Plaintiff resides within this District and a
3 substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the herein claims occurred, or a
4 substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated within this District.

5 **PARTIES**

- 6 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in the county of DeSoto Parish in the city of Gloster,
7 Louisiana.
8 6. Defendant is a Virginia corporation doing business in the State of Louisiana.
9 7. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant has acted through its agents, employees,
10 officers, members, directors, heir, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties,
11 subrogees, representatives and insurers.

12 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 13 8. Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and attempting to collect on alleged
14 debts owed by Plaintiff.
15 9. Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at phone number (318)
16 469-87XX.
17 10. Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff from phone numbers including, but not
18 limited to, (800) 955-6600.
19 11. Per its prior business practices, Defendant's calls were placed with an automated telephone
20 dialing system ("auto-dialer").
21 12. Defendant used an "automatic telephone dialing system", as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)
22 (1) to place its telephone calls to Plaintiff seeking to collect a consumer debt allegedly
23 owed by Plaintiff, KELLEY MILLER.
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1 13. Defendant's calls constituted calls that were not for emergency purposes as defined by 47
2 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).

3 14. Defendant's calls were placed to a telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone
4 service for which Plaintiff incurs a charge for incoming calls pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §
5 227(b)(1).

6 15. Defendant never received Plaintiff "prior express consent" to receive calls using an
7 automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice on his cellular
8 telephone pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).

9 16. On or about April 5, 2017, Plaintiff called into Defendant's company at phone number
10 (800) 955-6600. Plaintiff spoke with Defendant's female representative "Iris" and
11 requested that Defendant cease calling Plaintiff's cellular phone.

12 17. During the conversation, Plaintiff gave Defendant both her social security number and
13 date of birth to assist Defendant in accessing her account before asking Defendant to stop
14 calling her cell phone regarding all her accounts.

15 18. Plaintiff revoked any consent, explicit, implied, or otherwise, to call her cellular telephone
16 and/or to receive Defendant's calls using an automatic telephone dialing system in her
17 conversation with Defendant's representative on April 5, 2017.

18 19. Despite Plaintiff's request to cease, Defendant continued to place sixty-nine (69)
19 collection calls to Plaintiff cellular phone using an ATDS.
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22 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
23 **NEGLIGENT VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**
24 **47 U.S.C. § 227**

25 20. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set
forth above at Paragraphs 1-19.

1 21. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and multiple
2 negligent violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the
3 above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

4 22. As a result of Defendant's negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq., Plaintiff is
5 entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation,
6 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(B).

7 23. Plaintiff is also entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

8 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
9 **KNOWING AND/OR WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER**
10 **PROTECTION ACT**
11 **47 U.S.C. § 227 et. seq.**

12 24. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set
13 forth above at Paragraphs 1-19.

14 25. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and multiple knowing
15 and/or willful violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of
16 the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

17 26. As a result of Defendant's knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.,
18 Plaintiff is entitled an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every
19 violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

20 27. Plaintiff is also entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

21 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

22 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, KELLEY MILLER, respectfully requests judgment be entered
23 against Defendant, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. for the following:
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1 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 28. For statutory damages of \$500.00 multiplied by the number of TCPA violations alleged
3 herein, \$34,500.00;

4 29. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial;

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 30. For statutory damages \$1,500.00 multiplied by the number of TCPA violations alleged
7 herein, \$103,500.00;

8 31. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial;

9 **ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

10 32. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial;

11 33. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees;

12 34. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

13 **JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

14 35. Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

15 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

16 Dated: February 2, 2018

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